THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As on 1.10.2002, the 542 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above, which were on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, had registered an overall cost overrun of Rs. 41,307 crore with reference to the original approved cost of Rs. 1,71,826 crore.

(a) The reasons for delay in execution of projects, sector-wise are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(b) The steps taken to ensure control over cost overrun in projects and reduce delays include:

(i) Adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project reports before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(v) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/ Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(vi) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(vii) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

These measures are expected to help minimise further cost overruns.

Statement

General reasons for delay in projects:

SI. No.	Sector	No. of Projects	Total cost (Rs. Crores) Original Cost	Now Anticipated Cost	Cost Overrun	Reasons for Delay
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Atomic Energy	8	24115.3	27428.3	3313.0	Delay in supply of equipment.
2	Civil Aviation	8	356.8	4162	59.4	Delay in award of contracts, law and order problems.
3	Coal	60	98134	104003	5865	Fund constraints; delay in land acquisition, environmental clearance and supply of equipment; geomining problems.
4	Fertilizers	1	350.0	509.4	159.4	Delay in supply of equipment.
5.	I and B	4	168.4	215.8	47.4	Delay in selection of technology, award of contracts, supply of equipment and execution of civil works; court cases.
6.	Mines	3	2598.8	2598.8	0.0	—
7.	Steel	7	1087.2	1114.8	27.6	Delay in erection of equipment.
8.	Petroleum	37	34549.6	37001.6	2452.0	Delay in award of contracts.

1 2	3	4	5	6	7
9. Power	42	36210.4	52683.9	16473.5	Delay in land acquisition; geomining problems; law and order problems and slow progress in execution of works.
10. Health and FW.	3	159.9	780.9	621.0	Redesign of the project.
11. Raiways	176	268922	399262	13034.0	Problems relating to land acquisition and selection of technology; found constraints; delay in award of contracts, supply of equipment and civil works; law and order problems; slow progress in execution of court cases etc.
12. Road Transport and Highways	134	26613.6	27068.8	4552	Fund constraint; delay in land acquition and import of equipment; design complexities in bridges; stow progress by contractors.
13. Shipping and *Ports*	44 7	32512 139.8	3319	67.8	Fund constraint; delay in supply of equipment; delay in civil works; stow progress.
14. Tetecommuni-cations			139.8	0.0	
15. Urben Development	8	5119.4	9130	4010.6	Delay in land acquisition, finalisation of designs and award of contracts; slow progress of work execution.
Total	542	171826	213133.8	41307.8	

New strategy for Implementation of Projects

3090. SHRI C.P.THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government are considering to change priorities at the time of funding of on-going projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have formulated any new strategy for evaluation of the on-going projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The question of reprioritisation arises only in respect of on-going projects which are facing fund constraints.

(a) Projects having the potential of early completion and/or yielding high economic returns on investment are to be accorded a priority in funding.

(b) and (d)The implementation status of ongoing projects is evaluated on the basis of financial as well as physical parameters.

Misappropriation of MPLADS fund

† 3091. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds being provided by Government to Members of Parliament under the MPLAD scheme, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints or information regarding misappropriation of the said funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government have taken in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.